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The Town

Census Bureau Hiring. The Census Bureau is now hiring Census Takers and Crew Leaders in our area. They are encouraging senior citizens to apply, although anyone is welcome. All applicants must pass the U.S. Census Test, which will be given at the Monterey Town Hall every Thursday through December 1999 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The current pay scale is \$9.25 to 10.75 per hour with an additional \$0.31

per mile allocated for those doing field work. After January 2, 2000, the pay scale will rise to \$10.75-\$12.25 per hour. When applying for positions you must bring two forms of identification with you: driver's license, social security cards, and birth certificates are acceptable forms of identification. Veterans are requested to bring a copy of the DD214 form.

This is interesting work which involves meeting people and asking questions. For more information call (413) 236-5803 or 1-888-325-7733.

Highways and Snow Removal.

The Select Board awarded the contract to provide road sand to the Town of Monterey to J. Donovan & Sons based on a favorable bid and the recommendation of Highway Superintendent Don Amstead.

The Board also attended a meeting with Massachusetts Highway Department officials to discuss the latest information on snow removal. Also in attendance were Highway Superintendent Don Amstead and Capital Highway Advisory Committee member Dick Tryon.



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A mild late-fall morning at Rawson Brook Farm

Dean Amidon also reported to the Select Board this month on a meeting of the Massachusetts Highway Association where it was reported that the full and timely release of Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways funding is very much in doubt. Mr. Amidon urged the Board to contact the Governor and the Town's State Senator and Representative. The Board agreed to send letters to appropriate officials.

Monterey Cultural Council Members Appointed. The Select Board voted unanimously to appoint Eileen Lawlor, Lois Ryder, and Al Goldfarb to the Monterey Cultural Council. They join Anita Carroll-Weldon and Keith Snow, and all are already hard at work reviewing grant proposals. News of those awards will be published as they are announced.

Home Alarm System Registration. All residents who have home alarm systems installed are reminded that they are required to register for permits with the Monterey Police Department. The fee of \$25 a year should be paid to Gareth Backhaus, Chief of Police. It is important that these systems have per-

mits so that the Monterey Police can respond in a timely manner.

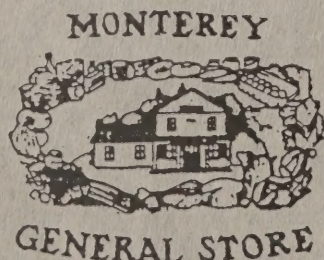
Assistant Treasurer Appointed. The Select Board appointed Andrea Dunlop as Assistant Treasurer. She will support Pat Mielke in her work as Town Treasurer as needed.

Town Secretary Attending Certification Courses. Bonnie Jurgenson is attending seminars in pursuit of certification as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO). She has attended and successfully completed two of the three classes required for certification. The seminars involve such topics as writing effective specifications; overview of suppliers and services procurement; soliciting price quotations; using invitations for bids and requests for proposals; contract administration; multi-year contracts and public/private contracts. The focus of this education is to prepare Ms. Jurgenson to administer the bidding process for Town of Monterey projects and improve our practices so that the Town will save time and money in procurement. The Select Board commends Bonnie for pursuing this work and looks forward to her completing the seminars in December.

Finance Committee News. The Finance Committee and Select Board met in November to discuss long-range needs

and planning for the Town. Topics covered included the future of the Wilson house and property; storage of Town records; plans for the grant money received for barrier removal at the Town Hall; and utilization of the survey results. The discussion was wide-ranging and informative. The Finance Committee and Select Board are both looking toward developing a master plan for the Town over the next decade in which the needs of the Town can be prioritized and addressed in a timely manner. These discussions will be ongoing, with the intent of keeping good, open communication between the two groups.

— Amy B. Goldfarb



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Veterans Memorial Park

The end of another year (and century) is fast approaching. All of us on the Veterans Memorial Committee would like to complete the memorial park ASAP.

To make this possible, additional funds are needed in order to: 1) Install a low voltage ("soft") solar-powered light to display the American flag at night, thus making it unnecessary to raise the flag each day in the morning and lower it at night. Thanks to John Ryder, the flag is flying over the park most days. Although John never complains, this is quite a burden for him, especially in the winter snow. Also, it is much more formidable and respectful to have the flag flying over those beautiful black impala granite stones twenty-four hours a day, which would be possible if the low voltage light were installed. Look and see how beautiful the flag looks at the Fire Station as you drive by in the evening. 2) Install three benches to be placed appropriately throughout the park. 3) Accomplish some minor grading and plantings to enhance the natural ambience of the memorial park.

Another \$1,000 is needed to complete the light installation; we do not have a firm cost yet for the benches and



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Fiona Lacey contemplates the wood supply at Gould Farm.

landscaping, but we estimate it to be in the vicinity of \$7,000.

For your information, to date a total of \$20,888 has been raised, plus generous contributions of labor, materials, and equipment from Tryon Construction and South County Joiners, otherwise known, respectively, as Leigh

Tryon and Phil Newey. Presently we have a balance of \$1,057.00.

No Town funds have been used, and it is our wish to bring this project to a successful completion by continuing to use only privately donated funds and other resources.

Please, again be very generous and mail your checks to the Monterey Veterans Memorial, Town Treasurer, Monterey, MA 01245.

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— Veterans Memorial Committee
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Transportation is available to Greaat Barrington every Thursday for Monterey residents who are elderly, handicapped, or needy. This service is provided through the Southern Berkshire Elderly Transportation Corporation (SBETC). Vans make the trip once each week, on Thursdays.

People wishing to use the service may call 528-4773 anytime before noon on Wednesday (the sooner the better, as van space is limited).

A van makes pickups at Monterey riders' homes beginning at 8:00 a.m. After making pickups in Otis and the towns south of Route 23, the van arrives in Great Barrington between 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. The return trip is shorter for Monterey riders. The van leaves Great Barrington at 12:30 p.m., following a lunch stop at the Great Barrington Senior Center, and heads directly back to Monterey.

Stops in Great Barrington include supermarkets, doctors' offices, the Senior Center, etc. The suggested donation for a round trip is \$4. Trips on days other than Thursday may be arranged. A donation of \$10-\$12 is requested for special trips.

— Zed Pine

Republican Committee Seeks Candidates

The Republican Committee of the Town of Monterey requests and encourages residents to now declare their interest and willingness to be considered as candidates for Town Officers. The following positions are to be filled in the next Town elections, scheduled for the first Saturday of May, 2000:

Board of Appeals (5 yrs): one candidate
Board of Assessors (3 yrs): one candidate
Cemetery Committee (3 yrs): one candidate
Finance Committee (3 yrs): one candidate
Library Trustees (3 yrs): .. two candidates
Town Moderator (1 yr): .. one candidate
Park Commission (3 yrs): one candidate
Planning Board (5 yrs): .. one candidate
Select Board (3 yrs): one candidate
Town Clerk (3 yrs): one candidate
Tree Warden (1 yr): one candidate

If you are willing to step forward, and wish to be considered as a candidate for one of the above positions, realizing that some very highly qualified candidates may be running for re-election, we commend you for your actions, and ask that you send a short letter stating your intentions and qualifications to the Republican Committee, Mark J. J. Makuc, Chairman, P. O. Box 711, Monterey, MA 01245.

Grey Citizens Council Survey

It's not too late to send in the form for the Monterey Grey Citizens Council (MGCC) survey of elder citizens. MGCC has received approximately one fourth of the 160 surveys sent out in October to Monterey residents age 60 and older. Monterey elders who have not received a survey form or who no longer have it can obtain one by calling June Thomas at 528-8139.

The information on the survey forms was scheduled to be compiled in late November. Respondents who express an interest in participating in MGCC activities will be contacted, and the results of the survey will be reported in the January issue of the *Monterey News*.

— Zed Pine



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Do Not Be Afraid

If ever there is a time when tradition tugs at our heart it has to be December. For many, the holidays stir deep emotions, in our personal and familial lives. Traditions can be tremendously enriching, reminding us of holy moments. They are often windows (or icons) into the spirit world. By the same token, they can and do allow us to accept behavior that is insensitive, even hurtful and destructive. But it is difficult to point that out because of the hold that certain traditions have on us. So, in the name of harmony and well-being, we turn a blind eye or a deaf ear. We are fearful of disturbing the status quo. And, before you know it, we are accepting behavior and policy that are corroding our personal and social fabric. To illustrate:

Out on Coney Island, under the roller coaster, is a six room apartment. In what must be the wildest living arrangement in New York City, lives Fred Moran. At times, he admits, it seems like the roller coaster trains "are coming on through." However, he continues to reside in this uncertain housing with its ear-splitting level of noise because his family owns the roller coaster. We have a way of accommodating extremes, especially if we own them. People who owned slaves got used to it. Slumlords are really used to wretched surroundings when it is their source of income. Accommodation too often precedes corruption. ("The name of the Christian Game" by David Poling. *Engage*)

I find, that as we embark on the season of "Peace on earth; good will to

all," we are increasingly becoming a people of fear and violence. And the strange thing about it is that we do not seem to be aware of the contradiction! Barbara Kingsolver, the author of the highly acclaimed book *The Poisonwood Bible*, has written in a *Los Angeles Times* column that the Columbine High School tragedy in Littleton, Colorado, should not surprise us. Our youth are mentored by adults who condone violence, from the President on down.

Let's not trivialize a horrible tragedy by pretending we can't make sense of it. "Senseless" sounds like "without cause," and requires no action. After an appropriate interval of dismayed hand-wringing, we can go back to business as usual. What takes guts is to own up: This event made perfect sense. Children model the behavior of adults, on whatever scale is available to them. Ours are growing up in a nation whose most important, influential men—from presidents to film heroes—solve problems by killing people. It's utterly predictable that some boys who are desperate for admiration and influence will reach for guns and bombs. And it's not surprising that it happened in a middle-class neighborhood; institutional violence is right at home in the suburbs. Don't point too hard at the gangster rap in your brother's house until you've examined the Pentagon in our own. The tragedy in Littleton grew straight out of a culture that is loudly and proudly rooting for the global shootout. That culture is us.

Our domestic and foreign policies are heavily steeped in military solutions and police action. From Kosovo to our overcrowded prisons, we are embodying the principles, not of our Declara-

tion of Independence and the Bill of Rights, but of economic arrogance and political intransigence. We are becoming small-minded people, preoccupied with our 401k's, our stock holdings, our security as defined by material wealth.

What is happening to the "Christmas Spirit" we so loudly proclaim in our places of worship?

Some years ago, former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said in a *Playboy* interview:

We are gripped with fear.... Fear may have been a good instinct for cave men; it may have kept them alive. But in our time, it's terribly dangerous. When you're afraid, you lose all compassion for other people. Fear deprives you of the very concern that is essential to remove the cause of that fear. Frightened, you fail to fulfill the obligations of a compassionate and just people—to educate and employ and house and give health to the poor. Finally, fear deprives you of any concern for justice itself. Frightened, you want to shoot looters, to arrest without cause, to hold with bail, to force confessions.

Powerful words spoken at the height of the civil rights movement in the sixties!

In the Christian Scriptures, the shepherds are addressed by a messenger of God: "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10). The tradition of sending that greeting to family and friends must not cover up the fear and violence that increasingly permeates our personal and social lives. Let us begin now, in our personal conduct, in the words that we speak to one another, to live fearlessly and lovingly.

— Keith Snow

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Holiday Stress Reduction. What do children really want? Relaxed and loving attention. In these busy times, it is easy to forget that the simplest offering is often the most meaningful. Undivided attention is often the most meaningful gift to children and adults alike. Fred Rogers reminds us that one of the universal longings is to have something acceptable to give to another. The emotional importance of the holidays can be seen as the giving and receiving of clues about how acceptable we each are. The giving and receiving of undivided attention communicates love, respect, and acceptance. What will children remember years from now about these holidays and celebrations? It is likely to be the time together ... trekking through a snow squall, making special cookies, an early morning beach walk, a snuggle and an extra story. We need to allow the time and space for these simplest moments to occur.

Some tips to reduce holiday stress include: Don't talk about the coming holiday too soon. Protect children from holiday advertising, which starts too early, can unfairly raise expectations, and interferes with sensing what is really needed and desired. Let offerings and gifts be shared based upon good will. Avoid talking about gifts as rewards for specific behaviors. Have children help make decorations for the table and for the home. Maintain children's routines as much as possible.

Allow enough time for special activities to be enjoyed. Limit the number of activities so that your family is not rushing from one event to another. Run interference with visitors who may not be familiar with your routines or who may move in too close too quickly for a young child. Giving clues to visitors concerning the developmental needs of your child is helpful to everyone. "Nine-month-olds just like to be close to Mom and Dad." Use distraction, quiet times and quiet spaces to help children settle if they begin to become overwhelmed. Be glad for what does go well and continue to focus on your blessings.

Family Network Calendar. Activities are held at the Family Center, 940

South Main Street, Great Barrington, unless otherwise stated. Parents are asked to call to register and to indicate if they need child care or transportation. In most cases, activities will be cancelled by noon of the day if there is not a registration of 4 people. In the case of bad weather, please call in advance to see if an event will be held. Please call 528-0721 to register. Please check the calendar for evenings and Saturdays that Clothing Exchange will be open.

Drop-In times, Great Barrington site: Mondays and Fridays, 12 noon-2 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3-5 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 noon. **During the week of December 27-30, drop-in times will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. On December 24 and December 31, the Family Center will be open 10 a.m.-12 noon.**

Drop-in time, Otis site (new town hall, lower level): Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Special programs; please see calendar.

December 1. Big Brother, Big Sister Sibling Preparation Class led by Mary Jane Sackett, RN, 3:30 p.m.

December 3. Age Appropriate Activities and Toys for children birth to 3 years, led by Cindy Duryea, First Steps Educator, Otis Family Center, 10 a.m.

December 7. Licensed Day Care Providers Meeting, 7 p.m. Laura Morrision, Kid's Place, will present a workshop "Abused/Neglected Children." Volunteers, playgroup leaders, and community members are invited.

December 8. Boxwood Class; make a centerpiece or tree; led by Olympia Casivant. Fee \$10 to cover materials; 7 p.m. Clothing Exchange will be open.

December 10. Box wood Class; make a centerpiece or tree; led by Olym-

pia Casivant. Fee \$10 to cover materials; 10 a.m. Otis Family Center.

December 11. Father-child holiday activity. Make a gift, hear a story, and share a snack; 10:30 a.m. Clothing Exchange open.

December 13. Boxwood Class; make a centerpiece or a tree. Led by Olympia Casivant; \$10 fee for materials; 7 p.m. First Congregational Church, Lee.

December 14. Mom's Chat Time. Childcare provided. A chance for moms to meet and discuss mutual concerns; 10 a.m. Limited enrollment.

December 14. Information about Addiction Services, Robert Cote, Addiction Specialist, Berkshire Medical Center and Main Street Human Resources, 1 p.m.

December 14. Father-child Holiday Party. Make a gift, hear a story, share a snack; 5:30 p.m.

December 16. Holiday Party, 10 a.m. Mrs. Santa will visit.

December 16. Parent-infant drop-in. Baby Massage with Vicky Guy, LPTA; 1 p.m.

December 18. Holiday Day Party for Families with Multiple Births. Call Missy Zdziarski for details, 229-3557; 10:30 a.m.

December 19. Spanish Story Time. Hear a story, practice a craft, share a snack; 4 p.m. Clothing exchange open.

December 20. Single Parent's Holiday Party. Make a gift, hear a story, share a snack; 5:30 p.m. Childcare will be available with advanced notice, so parents can meet to discuss mutual concerns.

December 24. Family Center closes at 12 noon. Happy Holidays.

December 27, 28, 29, 30. Family Center will be open from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for drop-in.

December 31. Family Center closes at 12 noon. Happy New Year.

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THE BIDWELL HOUSE

The Bidwell House wishes all in the Monterey community "Seasons Greetings" and extends a very sincere thanks to all of you who supported the museum this past year, either as museum members, contributors, volunteers, or as visitors, enjoying house tours and special events. You have joined in to make this another successful year.

Special thanks go out to the Monterey Piecemakers Quilt Group. The beautiful blue and white quilt, displayed at the General Store and at the Firemen's Steak Roast, was raffled off on October 10. The winning ticket went to Alan Rose of Monterey. (He bought his tickets at the General Store.)

Fall Family Day proved to be a great success, attracting the highest attendance ever for an event at the museum, even in spite of the relentless rain that day. The Pilgrim geese and the Icelandic mare and her foal were probably the biggest attractions. The blue ribbon for the apple-pie contest, very professionally judged by Peter Brown and Muriel Lazzarini of the Select Board, went to Kathy Mielke Shaw. We heard that the apples were hand-picked by members of the Mielke family from trees on their property here in Monterey.

The success of the day was also

due to the efforts of the following: Katherine and Marc Roberts for bringing their Icelandic horses; Brian Puntin and Tish of Roberts Woods Farm for standing all day in the rain to talk to people about these beautiful horses; Hancock Shaker Village for the loan of their merino sheep and chickens; Dominic Palumbo for the Pilgrim geese and the Narragansett turkeys; Eric Vincelette and his horse, Big Ben, for giving hayrides; volunteers Carol Husten, Jane Faulders, Barbara Tryon, MaryKate Jordan, Glynis Oliver, the Steiner Family, the Goik family, Suzanne Hoppenstedt, Gordon Whitback, Janet Lampman, and Tom Whaley; program underwriters Windy Hill Farm and Barrington Outfitters; Windy Hill Farm and Lew Chadwick for the heirloom apples and Jim Kelley for the cider pressing demonstration; all those from Gould Farm who helped to provide harvest soup and homemade bread; and Jan Emmons, who painted the beautiful directional signs. Finally, thank you to all those who braved the weather to come



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Peter Brown and Muriel Lazzarini judge the pies.

out and enjoy a great family event. A great time was had by all.

The year 2000 marks the 250th anniversary of The Bidwell House and the 10th anniversary of the museum. We hope you will join us in celebrating these landmarks. Several special events will be scheduled throughout the season commemorating the anniversary. These will be announced in the *Monterey News*. Happy Holidays!

— Anita Carroll-Weldon

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Rep Rap

Fall is in the air in the Berkshires and while many people are worrying about the first snowfall, many of the same people are worrying about how to make ends meet. These concerned citizens are our seniors. Both my district and State House offices have been flooded with letters and phone calls the past few months from senior citizens concerned with their health care coverage. On November 10, 1999, the new state budget was approved by the Legislature. In this new budget there are many programs that benefit seniors in the area of health care and tax relief.

The new budget will provide relief to senior citizens who pay more than 10 percent of their income to property taxes and water and sewer taxes. This refundable income tax credit is called the "circuit breaker." A maximum credit of \$375 will begin January 1, 2001, and a maximum credit of \$750 will be available beginning January 1, 2002. As of January 1, 2000, elders who volunteer in cities and towns to reduce their property taxes will no longer be taxed by the state on the amount of their tax reduction as if it were income.

The budget also allows \$42 million in spending to help seniors with the rising costs of prescription drugs. Twenty-two million dollars of this will help low-income seniors pay for their

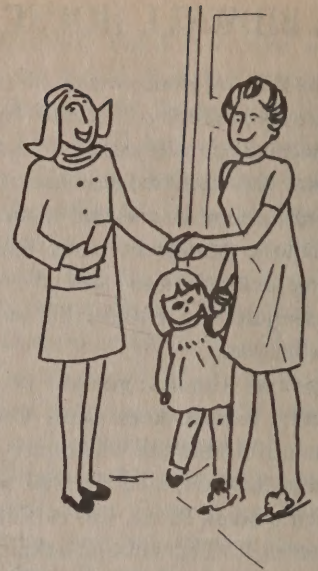
prescriptions and \$20 million will be used to fund a program to assist elders with drug costs that consume 10 percent or more of their income.

The budget plan also includes \$7.7 billion the state will receive over the next twenty-five years as part of the 1998 tobacco settlement. Seventy percent will be placed in a trust fund whose interest will pay for future health programs. Thirty percent of the lump sum would be given to a variety of both health care and tobacco control programs.

Lastly, a senior pharmacy program would make senior health care a priority. Under this plan, pharmacy benefits for seniors will increase from \$750 to \$1,250 per year. Eligibility will be extended to include those who make up to \$15,500 (this was increased from \$12,084) for individuals and \$20,800 for couples. Disabled individuals will also become eligible for these benefits. All in all, a \$21 million expansion has been made in this program.

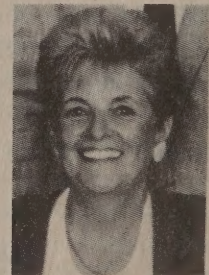
Senior citizens make important contributions to the Berkshires. This new budget will allow for more programs that will directly benefit seniors and hopefully put their minds at ease when making difficult financial decisions. If you have any questions or concerns about this or any other matter, please call my full-time district office at (413) 243-0289.

— Rep. Christopher J. Hodgkins



Census Workers Sought

The federal government has begun hiring large numbers of people for full- and part-time work on the year 2000 census, starting after January 1. The pay ranges from \$10.75 per hour up, depending on the position. For application information, call (413) 236-5803.



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Senator Says

WWII Veterans Diploma Bill. I have cosponsored a bill to provide veterans of World War II with high school diplomas. Many young people left high school in the 1940s to serve in America's armed forces. After returning to the United States, a number of veterans did not go back to the classrooms of their youth and consequently did not receive high school diplomas. Although the bill (S 1972) is awaiting action in the House before it becomes official, many high schools have already started to issue diplomas in recognition of the contributions and sacrifices of these brave individuals. If you would like to honor a WWII veteran in your family, or if you are yourself a qualified veteran and would like to have a diploma as a testimonial to your educational and lifetime achievements, I encourage you to contact the high school.

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Summer Camp Regulations to Be Revised. Summer camps for children are found throughout the Berkshire, Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin district. In the Commonwealth as a whole, some 800 camps host over 100,000 children each summer. The Department of Public Health (DPH) recently announced that certain regulations for these camps will be revised in light of input from camp operators and others at a series of hearings, including one held in Lenox in early September.

Among other things, DPH will consider ways to lighten the workload of municipal Boards of Health by allowing provisional licenses for certain camps that remain under the same ownership from year

to year. Under current regulations adopted in 1998, local officials must inspect each camp before issuing a license each season. This is difficult because local boards do not always have the resources or training to do annual inspections. In many cases, camp personnel don't arrive at the camp until a day or two before opening for business.

Other changes in the regulations will include relaxation of the requirement that doctors and nurses hired by the camp sign off on prescription medications that children bring to camp with them. The camp consultants felt they were asked to second-guess the primary care physicians.

Municipal Finance Fun Facts. The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) recently published some interesting statistics from the Division of Local Services, showing how local reliance on property tax has changed since Proposition 2 1/2 went into effect in 1982:

"In fiscal 1981, the last year before Proposition 2 1/2 took effect, the local property tax levy accounted for 57.5 percent of total municipal revenues statewide.... The

local property tax levy as a percentage of total municipal revenues hit a post-Proposition 2 1/2 low of 44.6 percent in fiscal 1988 and a high of 51.4 percent in fiscal 1993.

"State aid, meanwhile accounted for 22.1 percent of total municipal revenues in fiscal 1981. State aid reached a post-Proposition 2 1/2 high of 33.3 percent in fiscal 1988 and a low of 23.7 percent in fiscal 1992, shortly before the passage of the education reform law in 1993....

"For fiscal 1998, the latest year for which complete data are available, total municipal revenues were comprised as follows: 49.4 percent from the local property tax levy, 29.1 percent from state aid, 16.8 percent from local receipts, and 4.7 percent from all other sources."

— Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.



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a car window
reflects no one*

— Peter Shepley

Hand Rubbed

*I was holding a Thai prayer stone,
rolling it between my thumb and fingers,
rubbing it;
(it had been hand rubbed for centuries)
when I had a thought:*

*I see the Buddha in the Thai stone,
sitting in lotus
on both sides of
this little artifact,*

almost rubbed away.

— Peter Shepley

red onions

*all day
the leaves blew away
the honk of the geese
below the half moon
before the darkness
finally
settled in

the basket of red onions
you grew you sent
so fresh so pungent
draw tears
on my cutting board
reminding me
how bright
our love
once roared*

— Richard Zukowski

Biopsy of the Soul

*Berry, seedling,
glowing core,
halflife:
zero.*

Oh, to die with import!

— Peter Shepley

Rhymes for a Child of Pyros

(for Laurel)

fire that sires grain
to blood from muddy birth
keeps us lost from frost
enchants and dances on
in hearts as part of
living out a dream it seems
no one even dreamed of
 what of passion's actions?
heat that meets the sun and stars
molds flesh from blessed bliss
this kiss is all there is
that kindles kindred flames
each reaching toward the sun
and soon enough rough
stars they are for sure
 bright spark of this old arc
here's fuel, but stay cool
and burn hot, but not
out of control, just hold
a blaze amazing
a light bright for all

— Richard Zukowski

Blessing for an unborn child

Little one,
 may Peace attend thee
 may Life be sweet
 and Joy attend thee

May all hearts open
 at thy touch
for Happiness
 is loving much

From father take
 a searching Mind
from mother, good
 to make thee kind

When then thou tread'st
 this earthly sod
walk in the Light
 and honour God

— A. O. Howell



About Astrology

Sagittarius: At Home

Where the Buffalo Roam

Sagittarius, the sign where the Sun is said to reside from the last week in November until the Winter Solstice at the end of December, is about hope and faith. Our country's most often accepted birth chart, calculated for July 4, 1776, at 4 p.m. in Philadelphia, suggests Sagittarius as our country's rising sign. Sagittarian idealism runs through the intentions of our founding fathers, as set forth in the Constitution.

With our national rising sign in Sag (say "Sah-ghh," not "droop"), it could be said that we, as a people, might tend to be a tiny bit, well, broad through the hips and thighs. But take heart. Maybe it only means that the map of our country would have a considerable amount of girth. Also, with Sag rising, the people native to these shores would be expected to have a ruddy complexion. That's right. Ruddy. Red. Hmmmmmm.

Even more than for the rest of us, the core of Sagittarian spirituality is anchored in the beauty and grandeur of the natural world. And the Sag native loves usually to spend time in what he or she really believes is "the great cathedral of the great outdoors."

Sagittarius is not only the sign of faith and hope, but also of their tradi-

tional partner, charity. A natural expression of Sagittarian influence is an open-handed "Old King Cole" kind of generosity.

But Sagittarius' ability to live behind a pair of rose-colored glasses is also legendary, so those glasses sometimes need a good polish. Sag's expectations of self and others may be so uncharitably high that every one is a disappointment, eventually. When disappointed in himself or in another, a Sagittarian can behave as if "eat, drink, and be merry" were his or her only birthright. None of the food or drink in the world can fill the empty caverns of self-pity and resentment. But there is a healing, and, as Sag initially expected, it comes as a gift.

When does the gift arrive? Once Sag takes stock of, and takes responsibility for, the false expectations that come from viewing the constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness as a wholly self-involved activity.

That Sagittarian blind spot was the fault line in the vision of faith, hope, and compassion on which the United States was founded, as evidenced during the period of our unbounded westward expansion. How well are we willing to see it now, when our greatest frontiers lie within?

— MaryKate Jordan



Monterey horses (at the Banks farm)

City Horses

Early in November, early on a Saturday, two girls and I caught the train for the National Horse show at Madison Square Garden. What a ride it was, down the gleaming Hudson, gold with reflected oaks and maples. I kept thinking this must be the most spectacular place on Earth, and this its greatest moment. Two seats back, the kids were kind to me every time I twisted around to point out palisades and great blue herons. Then they'd go back to their reading, their teen talk.

Madison Square! I hadn't seen it since I was a kid. Mom took us to the circus there once, and I remember two things: the fat lady, very grim, with her acres of rolling flesh revealed; and the little green chameleon we bought in a box no bigger than a deck of cards. We

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put it in a terrarium when we got home and it lived a long time.

At the box office we opted for general admission, but inside a uniformed usher caught my eye and welcomed us with small gestures down to the \$60 seats. "What a nice guy," I kept telling the girls. "We are so lucky!" The kids were still kind to me. As the morning went on, I noticed slim, blonde women in tweed jackets pressing folded green paper into the usher's hand. By noon he had vanished and people sat wherever they liked. Meanwhile, out in the ring, horses like mirrors, like polished ebony, slid around the course and sailed over the jumps. These creatures were long and tall and bore no resemblance to any horse I'd ever known up close. Did they have actual hairs on them, the kind that get all over your sweater and jeans? They appeared as sleek as glass.

These horses had names like Summary Judgment and Private Collection and Frascati. These did not seem like the names of living, breathing, shedding horses. The owners had names like James B. Pirtle Ent., Inc., and The Cottonwoods, Ltd. These are not the names of people up before dawn with hairy jeans and wheelbarrows.

But no matter how odd the names or how spotless the coats, these were real horses—the best money could buy.

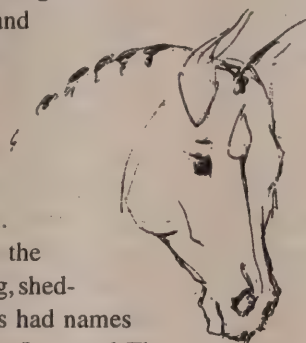
They could fly over the jumps in an intricate pattern of tight circles and direction reversals, even when their riders seemed unsure of the drill. Now and then a pattern would need changing or the ground require spot raking. For these jobs there was an elite corps of young men in red shirts, more princely, even, than the zillion-dollar horses and owners.

The young men disappeared before our eyes as the horses galloped around. Then they eased smoothly from their hiding places to rake and rearrange. I watched them through binoculars. They melted back into the scenery while the horses took the course, standing straight and invisible beside a brushy jump standard or even between the rails of a jump not in use for this class. Their disdain was palpable. They never looked at a horse as it swooped by, never hurried. They were young, macho, arrogant, and handsome.

In a class by himself was the nonchalant tractor driver who careened into the arena between classes pulling a harrow to rake away the divots and smooth up the ground. He moved at top speed, lounging in his seat, one hand on the wheel. He appeared not to look at the horses, riders, jumps, or the red-shirted young men. He swooped around and around, leaving a perfect path behind him, describing his own

flowing geometrical coverage of the ground, adjusting skillfully for changes in configuration, for obstacles.

Beside me in the stands, the tweed-clad women chortled as they dissed each rider and horse in turn. "Oh my Gawd ... (snort) ..." We finally left this rarified atmosphere to go out on the street for lunch. The first thing we saw was a horse—and what a horse! He stood in the street



with a giant on his back, a huge man in a blue helmet, who sat at his ease with his feet stuck out and his badge gleaming. The horse's feet were planted. No mincing, no shying from the fluttering show ribbons and photographers of the arena. Prince the police horse had seen it all. He was part stolid Belgian, part smart quarter horse, and the babies and tourists patted his broad nose adoringly.

This horse and rider were the cure for me. Maybe there was arrogance in the way they stood like a statue, huge rump pointed toward the Garden and the fancy hunter just behind them on the sidewalk, who was throwing a fit over the idea of getting into his horse trailer. Maybe that broad nose, decorated with lipstick and baby kisses, was a bit elevated and those deep honest eyes twinkling. I don't mind. This was a working city horse; he certainly worked for me.

— Bonner J. McAllester

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Fresh Eggs and Timber Framing

After a morning cup of coffee at the Monterey General Store to get the latest news from the cracker barrel bunch, I watch on the way home for a small sign at 519 Main Road advertising "farm fresh organic eggs." My marching orders when leaving home are fresh in my mind: "Please stop at Pedersen's for a dozen eggs, and don't buy any other kind."

I turn into the driveway, which also services Kinne's Grove, the Pedersen's Lake Garfield waterfront cottage rentals. When I knock on the front door of the one-hundred-year-old hall and parlor style farmhouse, there is, as always, a warm welcome and a friendly smile.

Eric and his brother Paul live here with their parents, Lena Kinne and Alf B. Pedersen. Today it is Alf who reaches for an empty egg box and leads me out back to the henhouse. Having grown up on a dairy farm with our own Rhode Island Reds, I feel right at home as

we gingerly finger warm eggs out from under the ruffled feathers of the laying hens, who cluck their scolding consternation from the wooden nesting boxes as we set about our task.

Twelve eggs later and once again outside under the bright sun of a crisp autumn day, I find myself standing among the angular shadows of a rustic post-and-beam barn, still under construction next to the back of the house. It turns out that Eric Pedersen, age forty-one, is the timber-framing son with the talent and training to raise the structure, day by day, into the sky. Each timber is fitted perfectly into place and joined at the joints by wooden pegs pounded in with a wooden mallet; the resounding telltale reverberation indicates when a peg is finally driven home.

Eric, a remarkable craftsman who does not rely upon or require any blueprints or formal building plans, was written up in the October issue of the *Berkshire Advocate*. The article, entitled "For the Love of Wood: A Monterey Man with a Passion for Chestnut," features his personal mission to salvage and showcase ancient chestnut pieces he has found, which he especially cherishes because a blight killed most chestnut trees some forty years ago.

However, on this day Eric explains that while the roof joists of his barn are

chestnut, the main frame is made of square beams of white pine, beautifully restored, and supporting posts of red cedar. The project begins to appear like that of an archeologist reconstructing the skeleton of a dinosaur.

Eric himself is as lean and fit as the wood he works with. He is described by his mother as a chip off the old block: his affinity for working with his hands and with wood is part of his ancestral Norwegian heritage, passed down from father to son for generations. Eric's great-grandfather was an architect of the Lutheran State Church that today stands as a historic landmark in the venerable center of Orendal, Norway. And his great-uncle Peter, who was also a sea captain and brought a nautical twist to timber framing, had an uncanny ability to measure and cut timbers, and lay them out in front of the cellar hole of the structure-to-be.

Just before I turned for home, Eric and his father climbed up on a scaffold and began to carve out fittings for joints with an antique elongated chisel called a slick (see illustration), which is honed to a razor edge. The tools date back to a time when the temper of the steel, like the mettle of the men able to get the best out of them, was superior, and they have rarely been improved upon in modern times of high-tech building. Tools were developed for a progression of uses, be-

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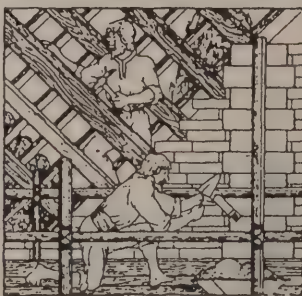
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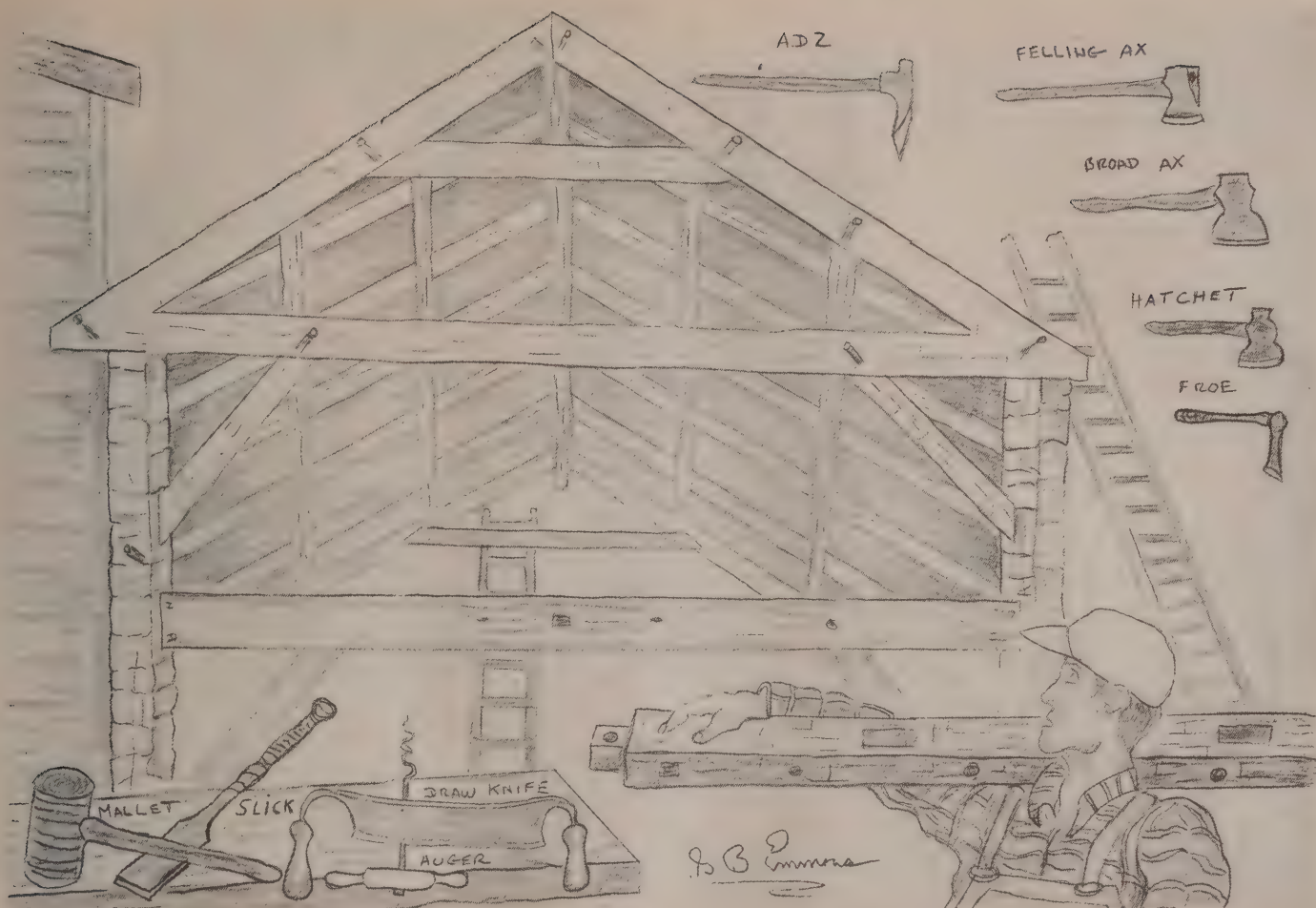
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ginning with the felling ax for cutting down the tree, then the broad ax with an offset handle for shaping the trunk, then the hatchet, the froe, and the adze to finish this phase of the job.

The Pedersen family have been in Monterey for some five generations, living the life of country values that give Monterey its rural and agricultural character. Tomorrow morning as I get ready to leave 585

Main Road and head for the store, I may hear in the distance across the way the crowing of a rooster and the reverberation of a wooden peg being driven home. It is a very nostalgic and reassuring way for a country boy who worked in New York City for forty-two years to start the day. And it is nice to know that Eric Pedersen, as he sights along a chalk line to line up the next beam of his barn, has a

vision that will carry the tradition of preserving our natural resources and valuing homegrown and handmade products into the next millennium.

— George Emmons

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Will (Time) Travel On Handmade Holiday Gifts

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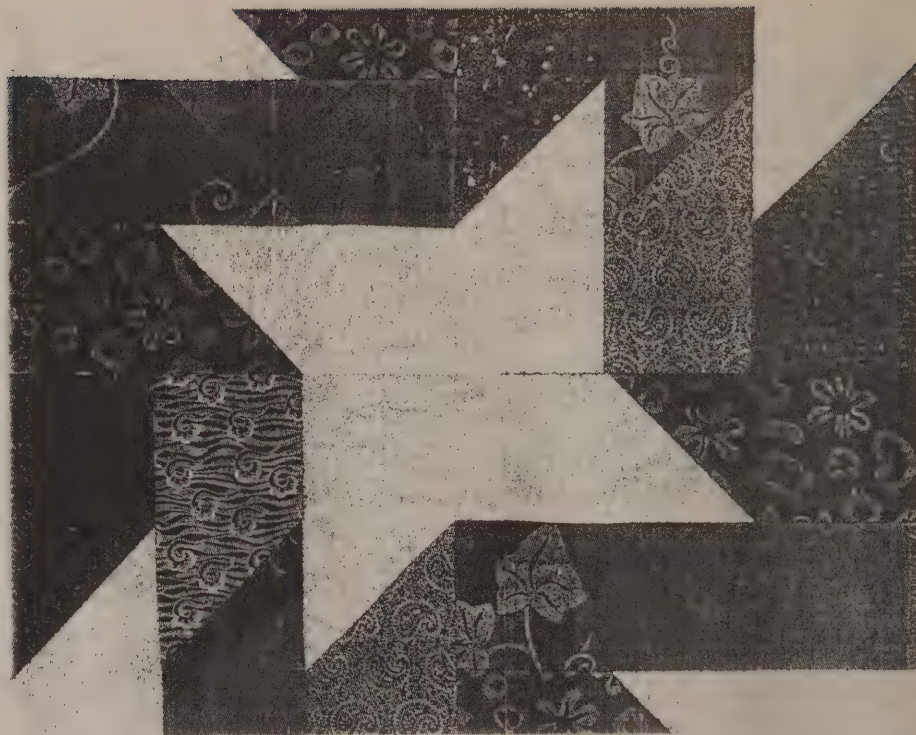
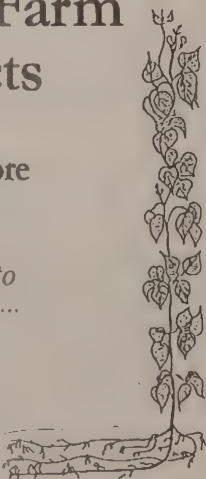
This article was like that. One Saturday morning last summer, Fran Amidon and I got into a heartfelt discussion on the front porch of the General Store. We had a grand old time remembering the gifts we used to make for Christmas, birthdays, and other events during times when most gifts were both hand- and homemade. She told an especially good story about argyle socks.

"This would make a great article for the *News*," I commented. It's a toss-up as to which stunned her more: the suggestion that folks might want to read her story in the paper, or the awareness that I was thinking about a December article in July. Being a good sport, she agreed to an interview anyway.

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The quilt block for the as-yet-unfinished pillow is a pattern called "Picket Fences."

We tried, periodically, to set a specific time to talk. But either she couldn't or I couldn't, and, after all, it was, as the song says, a long way 'til December.

Now it's Friday, November 12. This article's due on Monday. Did I leave time in my weekend schedule to meet with Fran? Do I even know if she's in town? Aw, come on—the snow's not flying yet.

Besides, I have a holiday gift to finish for my mother. No, it's not for the usual winter celebrations. It's for a family holiday we refer to as "Homecoming Day," which is short for "the

day you first came home to us after being adopted." This year my gift is a patchwork pillow, and it should have been in the mail last week. Maybe I'll get it finished for Christmas.

If you're making holiday gifts this season, enjoy the process, even those down-to-the-wire moments. And when you see Fran Amidon, be sure to ask her about those argyle socks.

— MaryKate Jordan



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Gerald O. Field

Gerald O. Field, 71, a fifty-year resident of Monterey, died November 2 at Fairview Hospital.

He was born on April 13, 1928, in Great Barrington, the son of Vernon B. and Pearl Veretto Field. He was educated in local schools.

He loved gardening and was a gifted amateur musician who could play almost any instrument by ear. He was also an excellent carpenter, and built his own house in Monterey sixteen years ago. He was a sawyer with the Barbieri Lumber

Company for over thirty years, and at one time ran his own sawmill on River Road.

Mr. Field is survived by his wife of over fifty years, the former Thelma Meyette, whom he married on July 16, 1948, in Lenox; his three sons, John Field and Wayne Field of Monterey, and Gerald Field of Florida; his daughter, Linda Cronk, of North Carolina; seven grand-

children, Jerry, Sheri, John, Jr., Jennifer, Veronica, Steven, and Joseph; and two great-grandchildren, Justin and Michelle.

Those who desire may make memorial donations in Gerald O. Field's memory to the Monterey Fire Department, in care of Finnerty & Stevens Funeral Home, 426 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.



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Birthday greetings go out to **Stefan Grotz** on December 1, to **Matthew Christopher** on December 2, to **Susan Sellew** and **Graham and Madigan Hines** on December 3, to **Karen Schulze** on December 5, to **Jacob Edelman** and **Simon Spagnoletti** on December 7, to **Mike Mielke III** on December 8, to **David Brady** on December 11, to **Natasha Grotz** on December 12, to **Stacy Ingher** and **Morgan Clawson** on December 20, to **Donald Amstead** on December 25, to **Jon Sylbert** on December 26, to **Eliana and Eloisa Schulze** on December 27, to **Jon Pratt** on December 28, and to **Nancy Brady** on December 31.

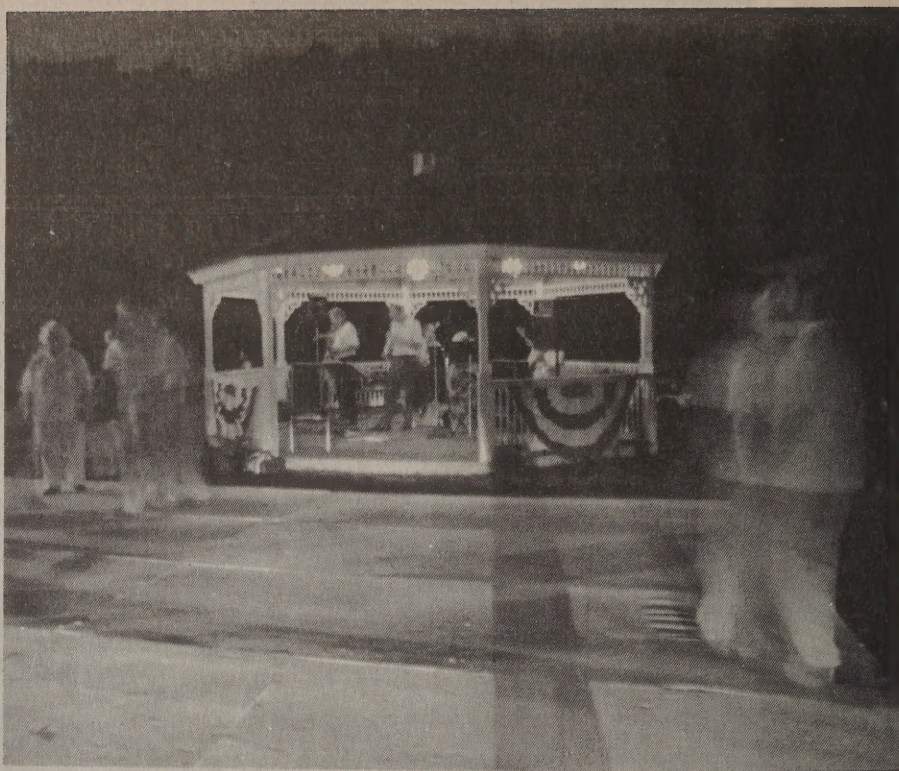
Happy Anniversary to **Glynis Oliver** and **Will Marsh** on December 27.

It's hard to believe that it's December already and a new year is just around the corner. Best wishes to all of you for the Holidays, and especially for the New Year. Several Monterey residents are current or past members of the Berkshire Children's Chorus, and the Chorus has just fixed its holiday concert schedule. On Saturday, December 4, the Chorus will participate in the "Carols for the Close of the Century" concert at Christ Church in Hudson, New York, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, December 5, you can hear the same program at 3 p.m., at St. James Church in Great Barrington. Two dates well worth marking on your calendars!

Mixed Company of Great Barrington will stage a revival of Joan Ackermann's new musical, *Isabella*, which premiered in September, for the holiday season. Watch out for it as Christmas approaches. Monterey resident **Colm Higgins** is in the cast.

We enjoy hearing your news, and passing on birthday and anniversary greetings. If you have any you would like to share, please drop me a line at P.O. Box 351, Monterey, MA 01245, before the twelfth of each month. Thank you so much.

— Ann Higgins



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Summertime is but a fading memory ...

Blood Pressure Clinic

The monthly blood pressure clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, December 21. The Berkshire County Visiting Nurses Association will have representatives at the Monterey Town Hall between 9 and 10:30 a.m. All Monterey residents are welcome to stop in for blood pressure checks and health counseling. There is no charge for the clinic.



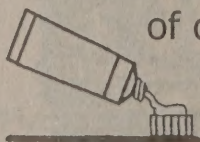
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Calendar

Sunday, December 5, "Carols for the Close of the Century," 3:00 p.m., St. James Church, Main Street, Great Barrington. A performance of holiday music by Berkshire Children's Chorus.

Monday, December 20, La Leche League, 10 a.m.-noon at Guthrie Center, Great Barrington. Free advice and support for breastfeeding. Information and directions, Maureen at 528-6619.

Tuesday, December 21, Free blood pressure clinic, 9:00-10:30 a.m. in basement of Town Offices, administered by Visiting Nurses Association.

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11:30 p.m., Monterey United Church of Christ.

Saturday, December 25

Town offices closed in observance of Christmas Day.

NO Square and contradance at the Sheffield Grange. See you in January.

Saturday, January 1, 2000, Town offices closed in observance of New Years Day.

Ice Rink Schedule

The Parks Commission has established the following schedule for the ice rink, which will open in late December, weather dependent:

Monday-Friday

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Public Skating

3 p.m.-5 p.m. Hockey

Tuesday and Friday

7 p.m. Men's Hockey

Saturday

8 a.m.-Noon Kids' Hockey

Noon-3 p.m. Public Skating

3 p.m.-5 p.m. Hockey

5 p.m.-7 p.m. Ice-making

7 p.m.-9p.m. Town Skating Party

Sunday

9 a.m.-Noon Men's Hockey

Noon-3 p.m. Public Skating

3 p.m.-5 p.m. Hockey

The Observer

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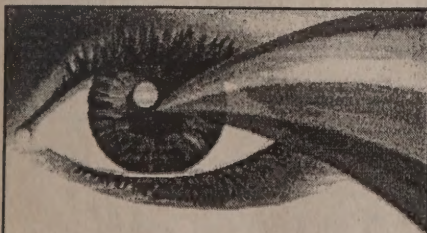
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